be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy
be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen

Principal’s Report

Congratulations to Jonas Paar and Finlay Loft on their individual performances at the Regional Swimming Event over the weekend. Jonas qualified for the breast stroke final and came third picking up a bronze medal. Finlay also qualified for a final and swam a personal best time in the 50m freestyle, finishing third. He too was award a bronze medal. Both the boys were presented their medals at assembly this week and were congratulated by the whole school.

We have placed a rock in front of our Cultural Award sculpture, which will have a plaque placed onto it, in memory of Ivor Bowen and his significant contribution to DPS and Annexes.

Cultural Diversity Day has been put in place in May. The performance that we have booked for the children was only available in May, more about this in coming weeks.

Daily 5 is continuing to build across the school, with some very good outcomes surrounding reading.

The Daily 5 is more than just a way to teach reading and writing, it is an approach to teaching and learning that fosters independence, trust, making good choices, becoming a learning community, establishing routines, having a sense of purpose and the building of stamina. These are the foundational elements.

I would like to explain the foundational elements of Daily 5, so parents understand what our focus at school is on a daily basis;

• Trust students -- It is imperative that we believe our students CAN do it and we set high expectations for them. Children will rise to the expectations we set.

• Provide choice -- Would you prefer being told what to read, where to sit, and what task you have to complete first? Or, would you rather have a choice? Children are no different! Giving children the ability to choose empowers them and helps to create a self-motivated learner.

• Nurture community -- A positive classroom environment enhances student ownership, confidence, and pride. It creates the "we can do it" attitude!

• Create a sense of urgency -- we always provide students with a purpose for what they are learning. This helps them understand the why, which leads to viewing the task as important and worthy of time and effort.

• Build stamina -- Regardless of their age, students must gradually build their stamina before being released to full independence.

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CALENDAR

MARCH
17th – 21st: Cultural Diversity Week

APRIL
Fri 4th: Last Day of Term 1 2.30pm Dismissal
Mon 21st Apr: Easter Monday
Tues 22nd April: First Day of Term 2
Fri 25th: ANZAC Day

MAY
Thur 8th: House Cross Country
Tues 27th: Cultural Day

JUNE
Thur 5th: Yandoit Excursion Royal Flying Doctors

JULY
Mon 14th: Pupil Free Day

Sups do not attend school on Wednesdays during Term 1

Pupil Free days: July 14th and Nov 19th.

2014
Term Dates 2014
TERM 1 30th January – 4th April
TERM 2 22nd April – 27th June
TERM 3 14th July – 19th September
TERM 4 6th October – 19th December

Office Hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm
• Stay out of the way once routines are established -- Trust them, give them space, and let them build their stamina without continual praise from you. By staying out of the way you will help them become independent readers and writers. Without a foundation, a house would not stand strong. Without the core foundations, Daily 5 behaviours will not sustain.

Finally, thank you to all families who have donated an egg for our Easter Raffle. Please keep them coming.

Peter Burke.

Current Focus

Good listening is doing the ‘BEEM’

BEEM stands for

B - Body facing the speaker
E - Eyes on the person talking
M - Mouth is closed when someone is speaking

Do these and you will be a good listener.

Alice Dennis Gr 3/4K

David Garner

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As detailed in our Newsletter No.4 of 21st February, new laws have come into effect concerning regular school attendance.

From 1 March 2014, these new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Social Evening

At our first meeting, we discussed the possibility of a social BBQ. After school and Wednesday the 30th April is the proposed date. Can your family make it? Please let a member of school council know if this time and date suits your family.

Excursions

School Council also approved 2 excursions for term 2. One was to the European Language Festival in Melbourne – however sadly this has been booked out. The other is an Incursion at Yandoit PS where the children will participate in a Royal Flying Doctors visit. More details will follow next term.

Adventure Playspace

Our adventure playspace continues to take shape. Soon a tank will be installed for our “river” water.

A new crop of Peas and beans have been planted and our fairy garden is expanding.

House Cross Country:

Please note that the date for this event has been changed.

Long Service Leave:

I would like to congratulate our new members Jodie Zillig and Tamara Tideman. I would also like to congratulate our new president – Claire Rawlinson. Possun Sullivan is continuing in her role as secretary. It is great to have an enthusiastic and interested school council.

Peter Burke.
Dianne shall be taking long service leave for the next two weeks. She will be replaced by Nadine who will work from Monday to Thursday. Nadine’s position will be filled by Chris Tsiplakis while Dianne is traveling in South America.

Thank You

Many thanks, once again to Jodie and Laura who cooked Tomato and Zucchini Pasta with the children. Baked Potatoes are on next Tuesday’s menu.

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TIME: 9am, COST: $70

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